

1 117. (As filed) The method of claim 116, wherein identifying the cusps
2 includes locating the cusps in one of the planes and then confining the search for cusps in an
3 adjacent plane to a predetermined area in the vicinity of the identified cusps.

1 118. (As filed) The method of claim 115, further comprising allowing a
2 human user to select data elements that roughly identify the locations of the cusps in a selected
3 one of the cross-sectional areas.

1 119. (As filed) The method of claim 118, further comprising searching for
2 cusps in the selected cross-sectional area and confining the search to data elements lying within
3 a predetermined area in the vicinity of the data elements selected by the human user.

1 120. (As filed) The method of claim 118, further comprising searching for
2 cusps in an adjacent cross-sectional area and confining the search to data elements lying within
3 a predetermined area in the vicinity of the data elements selected by the human user.

Please cancel claims 121-192.

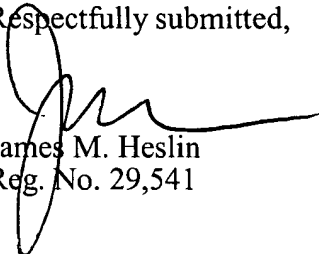
REMARKS

Applicants have filed a CPA seeking consideration of the Amendment filed on March 5, 2001. Applicants have cancelled claims 121-192 which the Examiner has indicated contain new matter in the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2001. As claims 1-120 were indicates as being allowable, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Amendment filed on March 5, 2001. The attached page is captioned with "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference call would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 121-192 have been cancelled.